

COUNTRY East Germany

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED]
1. At 3 p.m. on 12 April 1953, about 400 troops with red-bordered black epaulets practiced with 14 x 85-mm AA guns in firing position on a clearing in the woods near Gruenefeld-Paaren about 8 kilometers east of Neuen. About 20 trucks, [REDACTED] were parked on the edge of the wood.

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2. On 23 April, only guard details were observed in Perleberg. A total of 18 troop trains was loaded on 18 and 19 April. At 5:30 p.m. on 18 April, a troop train carrying soldiers, equipment, 11 pontoons, 1 motor boat, 2 field kitchens, and trucks, [REDACTED] as dispatched to Dranse. At 3:30 p.m. on 19 April, the last troop train carrying 20 medium mortars, about 30 trucks, [REDACTED] and equipment on five boxcars was dispatched to Dranse.²

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3. Between 19 and 23 April, all units stationed in Prenzlau left the post by road and by rail.³

4. On 20 April, billeting equipment and nine armored personnel carriers were loaded on a train of 14 boxcars at the Burg railroad station. The train left toward Magdeburg. Up to 22 April, no other troop trains were loaded.⁴

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] components of the 31st AAA Div which practiced the terrain surrounding the post.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. On 12 and 13 April 1953, the beginning of loading of components of the 18th Mezz Div at Perleberg was reported by the same source and another source, which was confirmed by corresponding unloadings at Wittstock and Dranse. [REDACTED]. It is believed possible that the troop movements from Perleberg continued until 19 April 1953. The present report indicates that the movements probably included elements of the 592nd Mort Regt (US) and the 348th Engr Bn of the 18th Mezz Div. The mortar regiment was vaguely identified at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Perleberg in the fall of 1952. The engineer battalion, however, has been carried in Ludwigslust since the fall of 1951.

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